Public Works (1890) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 809 Ry.

DATED 9th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Analysis of water. — Proceedings, Public Department, directing that — for the Villupuram-Guntakal State Railway should be made by the Chemical Examiner without charge, Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From W. S. BETTS, Esq., Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Trichinopoly, 26th February 1890, No. 300..

Will you please inform me if any fee should be paid, on account of the Villupuram-Guntakal State Railway, to the Government Chemical Examiner, for analysing two samples of water. The work was performed for the State by a State officer.

No. 155.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Chemical Analyser being a Government servant, and the Villupuram-Guntakal Railway a State railway, the claim seems inadmissible under Public Works Department Circular 14, dated 14th September 1888 (clause IV).

MADRAS, *4th March* 1890.

(Signed) S. SMITH, Major, R.E.,
for *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*

No. 1392-C.

Transferred to the Public Department for favor of disposal.

14*th March* 1890.

(Signed) C. J. SMITH, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D. (Ry. Branch).

Reference, dated 22nd March 1890.

Referred to the Surgeon-General for remarks and for particulars of the case in question.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

From G. BIDIE, Esq., M.B., C.I.E., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 27th March 1890, No. 289.

In returning the papers referred to me under your endorsement, dated the 22nd instant, I have the honor to state that, as the Villupuram-Guntakal Railway is a State railway, the Chemical Examiner is not, in my opinion, entitled to any fee for performing any work in connection with it.

2. I may observe that, by G.O., No. 684, of 12th August 1889, the Chemical Examiner is prevented from levying fees for analytical work required even by Municipalities.

Reference, dated 3rd April 1890.

The Surgeon-General has not reported "the particulars of the case in question" as requested in the reference, dated 22nd March 1890. He will now do so.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

From J. L. VanGEYZEL, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.C.S., F.I.C., Acting Chemical Examiner, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th April 1890, No. 265.

I have the honor to report that 7 samples of water were recently examined by me on behalf of the Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway, and of his Executive Engineers, who sent me samples of water under his instructions, and on requesting payment of the authorized fees for these analyses, I am told that the payment is withheld until a reply is received to a refernce made to Government on the subject. I presume from this that objections have been raised to paying these fees which the South Indian Railway Company have hitherto paid for similar services. I may add that I was not asked whether these analyses could be undertaken by me or not, according to the rules laid down by Government, previous to the Chief Engineer issuing his circular to his subordinates instructing them to send me samples of water for analysis. Consequently, 8 samples of water are at present on hand, not likely to be touched for a fortnight at least owing to other work, and I continue to receive almost daily advices of more samples being sent from various stations on the railway line.

2. I am not aware of the grounds on which exemption from liability to pay the usual fee may be claimed by the Railway Company; but I beg that Government may, in passing orders, take into consideration the fact that the work of this department has of late been steadily increasing. The report of last year's work, just lately sent in, shows to what extent the work has increased; up to date this year our hands have been quite full, and if the work goes on increasing as hitherto, I shall be obliged to request Government to sanction the employment of an extra assistant. Analyses for private parties are only undertaken when the routine duties are not interfered with; and the establishment has of late been frequently kept at work for long hours and without holidays to get through routine duties alone. The private work of the Chemical Examiner has fallen off within the last 5 years, concurrently with increase of his other duties, and recently Government withdrew from him the privilege of taking fees for analyses on behalf of Municipalities also. Under these circumstances, I beg that Government may not impose on the Chemical Examiner the further duty of examining water for Railway Companies, but may allow him to continue to exercise his privilege of undertaking these analyses at his discretion, when he has time, and of charging for the same as hitherto.

From J. L. VanGEYZEL, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.C.S., F.I.C., Acting Chemical Examiner, Madras, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated Madras, 10th April 1890, No. 269.

With reference to your endorsement memorandum, No. 2087, of the 9th instant (returned with its enclosures), I have the honor to state that the Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway, sent me two samples of water to be examined in February last, and that, in accordance with the usual practice, a bill was sent for the authorised fee. As the water was sent by the Chief Engineer, South Indian Railway, and as this Company had on previous occasions always paid to this office the usual fees for analyses of water, I was surprised to receive a letter from the Chief Engineer, in reply to my bill, stating that it had been referred to Government. Not knowing the why or the wherefore of this, I addressed a letter to the Chief Secretary, Public Department, upon the subject, a copy of which is herewith attached. The Agent of the South

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3. In conclusion, I beg you will kindly forward this letter also to Government in further explanation of my letter already sent in.

No. 331.

Memorandum.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, in compliance with his reference on No. 959, of the 3rd instant, the enclosures of which are herewith returned as requested.

(Signed) F. C. REEVES, Surgeon,
Ag. Secy., for *Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.*

Fort St. George,
14th April 1890.

Order—dated 16th May 1890, No. 364, Public.

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G.O., 16th May 1890, No. 364.

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No. 809 R 29th June 1890.

Comdg to the Consg Engr for Rys.
for information and for report
with reference to para 3 of the
order from the Public Departt.

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To
The Consg Engr for Rys:
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